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MAKING A DIFFERENCE



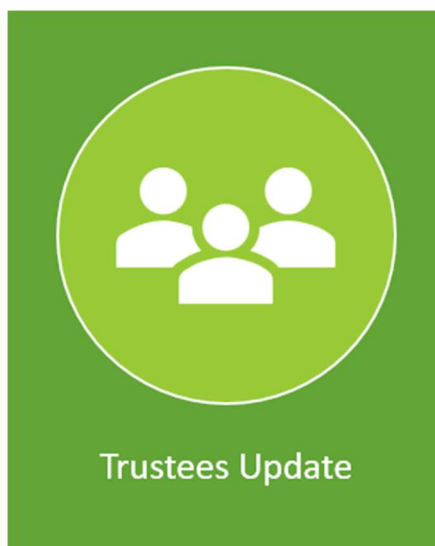
Friends come in different forms

As the new group of Trustees have settled into their roles within the Friends of Mombasa Children, we have been very grateful for the variety of friends that make up the charity, from donors to volunteers to teachers and Trustees. As we continue to move forward and support Unity School, we need you now more than ever.

We have recently adopted a new structure which we believe will help more people get involved in the work of Friends of Mombasa Children. Our new structure has 5 distinct groups of people:



In each newsletter we will be featuring news and updates from these groups.



Last month our Chairman Ben Scrivens visited Unity School

Hi Friends,

Unity school has certainly come a long way from my first visit in 2007! The school currently has 410 students and now includes classes from Playgroup all the way up to Grade 9.




The addition of junior secondary classes was mandated by the government, and meant increased student numbers, and the need for new staff, but it is a challenge which the Unity Staff have risen to.

Support for education in Kenya is still very much needed, although the government proclaims free spaces for students through primary and secondary schools. Teachers in state schools speak of high student numbers and I heard this can be 1 teacher to 100 students, and whilst tuition fees may not be charged, there is likely to be a charge for other things such as: enrolment, materials, activities, transport, storage of school bags, lodgings, food, healthcare costs.

These costs all add up to making school expensive for parents trying to make ends meet. In addition, examination fees, that have been free to state school students for the last 10 years, are also due to be re-introduced after a government announcement was made just as I was travelling to the airport.

Together we are making a difference

Unity school offers:

-  **Reduced fees for all students**
-  **Approximately 35% of students receive further reduction in fees due to their family circumstances**
-  **Approximately 14% of students pay nothing at all**

The level of support provided through Unity school is a significant achievement, but we are forecasting a deficit budget this year which means both the Summit (leadership team at Unity) and the FOMC Trustees are looking at ways to increase available funds.

How You Can Support Us



DONATE



FUNDRAISE



VOLUNTEER



LIKE & SHARE

We know that together we can continue to support those who need help to help themselves. Want to help? Why not donate or keep reading to find out about becoming an ambassador.

<https://www.mombasachildren.org.uk/donate>



Launching our
Ambassador Role

> An exciting new role

We have created the Ambassador role to welcome people who can help us fundraise and publicise the charity beyond its current donor base.

> Commitment

In return for a formal commitment to support the charity, Ambassadors will receive a branded name badge, and resources to support fundraising activities, such as photos and media content.

> Communication

Our Ambassadors will join our WhatsApp community, and receive invitations to 6-monthly zoom meetings with the Trustees and Associates

Ready to sign up? Want to know a little more? Then drop us an email at:

contact@mombasachildren.org.uk



Unity School

Our Associates in
Mombasa



The football team with their new kit
Courtesy of Brighton & Hove Albion



School Assembly



Handwashing Station



Feeding Program



Classroom Teaching



Feeding Program

In our last newsletter we featured the work to improve the kitchen facilities, and the impact of the rising cost of food on the feeding program. We are committed to supporting this as a key deliverable for the charity, if you can help us support this work, please donate via our website:

<https://www.mombasachildren.org.uk/donate>

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Can you help?

We have several public fundraising events planned over the summer, and we would be grateful to anyone who could help with:

- **Gazebo and stalls set up**
- **Manning the stalls**
- **Selling goods**
- **talking to the public about the work of the charity**

(branded gilet will be available for volunteers manning the stalls).

- **Gazebo and stalls set down**

Please contact Karyn k.hinks@mombasachildren.org.uk if you can help.



Dates for your diary a little further ahead:

12th September: Littlehampton Town Show

11th October: Sale of Everything at Broadwater Baptist Church

5th and 6th December: Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church, Holmes Lane, Rustington, including Fish and Chip Supper.

Fundraising Spot Light



Thank You

Our vital work is only possible because of people like you.



This month, **Broadwater School** are holding their annual Dance-a-Thon. The whole school take part, and children are sponsored for a non-stop dance session. This year the theme will be African dance.

If you are interested in holding a fundraising event for us, or if you have news of an event that you would like to have featured, please get in touch:

contactus@mombasachildren.org.uk